GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2225
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AVAILABILITY OF ISOPTIN
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Isoptin, a life saving drug, for heart patients, is not available in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this drug is manufactured in India itself; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) As per information available with this Ministry, `Isoptin` a brand of Verapamil HCI, a drug for heart patients, earlier marketed by M/s. Boehringer Knoll, is presently not available in the country.

However, another brand CALAPTIN (Verapamil HCI) being marketed by M/s. Nicholas Piramal, Mumbai, is available in India.